

Applicants have amended independent Claims 1 and 9 to recite “forming an EL layer comprising an organic material...” and amended independent Claims 5 and 17 to recite “the EL layer is formed through a process including forming a first EL film comprising a first organic EL material...” Accordingly, each of the independent claims requires an organic EL material which is subject to plasma processing.

In contrast, Katayama discloses using a ZnS: Mn fluorescent material. See e.g. col. 7, ln. 16 of Katayama. The ZnS: Mn fluorescent material is placed in a Na plasma. Col. 7, lns. 16-20. The ZnS: Mn fluorescent material is an inorganic material, not an organic material as required in the claims of the present application.

Accordingly, Katayama does not disclose or suggest the method of the independent claims of the present application, and the claims are patentable thereover. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

IDS

Applicants submitted an IDS on November 7, 2002. It is not known if a 1449 form was included in this IDS. Applicants are submitting a 1449 form and another copy of the reference and request that it be considered by the Examiner. A \$180 check was previously submitted for this IDS.

New Claims

The fee for new claims has been calculated as shown below.

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Fee
Total	26	-	22	4	(small entity) x 9 (others) x 18	\$72.00
Independent	4	-	4	0	(small entity) x 42 (others) x 84	\$0.00
Multiple Dependent (None)					(small entity) + 140 (others) + 280	\$0.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEES						\$72.00

Applicants are enclosing the \$72.00 fee for the new claims.

Conclusion

It is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in a condition for allowance and should be allowed.

If any further fee is due for this amendment, please charge our deposit account 50/1039.

Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

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Marked-up copy of the claims as amended

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1 (Amended). A method of manufacturing a light emitting device, comprising [the steps of]:
forming an anode over an insulator;
forming an EL layer comprising an organic EL material over the anode;
subjecting the EL layer to plasma processing; and
forming a cathode over the EL layer subjected to the plasma processing.

5 (Amended). A method of manufacturing a light emitting device, comprising [the steps of]:
forming an anode over an insulator;
forming an EL layer over the anode; and
forming a cathode over the EL layer, wherein
the EL layer is formed through a process including forming a first EL film comprising a first organic EL material over the anode, subjecting the first EL film to plasma processing, and forming a second EL film comprising a second organic EL material over the first EL film subjected to the plasma processing.

9 (Amended). A method of manufacturing a light emitting device, comprising [the steps of]:
forming a cathode over an insulator;
forming an EL layer comprising an organic EL material over the cathode;
subjecting the EL layer to plasma processing; and
forming an anode over the EL layer subjected to the plasma processing.

17 (Amended). A method of manufacturing a light emitting device, comprising [the steps of]:

forming a cathode over an insulator;

forming an EL layer over the cathode; and

forming an anode over the EL layer, wherein

the EL layer is formed through a process including forming a first EL film comprising a first organic EL material over the cathode, subjecting the first EL film to plasma processing, and forming a second EL film comprising a second organic EL material [on] over the first EL film subjected to the plasma processing.

Please add the following new claims:

23 (New). A method according to claim 1 wherein said light emitting device is incorporated into one selected from the group consisting of an EL display, a video camera, a digital camera, an image playback device, a mobile computer, a personal computer, a portable telephone, and a car audio stereo.

24 (New). A method according to claim 5 wherein said light emitting device is incorporated into one selected from the group consisting of an EL display, a video camera, a digital camera, an image playback device, a mobile computer, a personal computer, a portable telephone, and a car audio stereo.

25 (New). A method according to claim 9 wherein said light emitting device is incorporated into one selected from the group consisting of an EL display, a video camera, a digital

camera, an image playback device, a mobile computer, a personal computer, a portable telephone, and a car audio stereo.

26 (New). A method according to claim 17 wherein said light emitting device is incorporated into one selected from the group consisting of an EL display, a video camera, a digital camera, an image playback device, a mobile computer, a personal computer, a portable telephone, and a car audio stereo.